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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
HIROYOSHI TSUCHIYA : EXAMINER: GUARRIELLO, J.  
SERIAL NO: 09/848,439 :  
FILED: MAY 4, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1771  
FOR: WATER-ABSORBING :  
COMPOSITES, PREPARATION  
PROCESSES THEREOF AND  
WATER-ABSORBING ARTICLES

"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 1771"

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Responsive to the Final Rejection of November 10, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Basis for the Amendment** begins on page 12 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.